



# VANGUARD UNIVERSITY

Graduate Education Program  
**Offers 3 Courses for Educators**

## **DOWNEY/ LONG BEACH and ORANGE COUNTY – SUMMER 2025**

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| 1. "BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING"         | STARTS WED., MAY 7   |
| 2. "THE CREATIVE CLASSROOM: THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX" | STARTS WED., JUNE 11 |
| 3. "CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN"                | STARTS WED., JULY 9  |

**WHERE:** DISTANCE LEARNING\*

**CREDIT:** These courses are being offered by the Graduate Education Department of Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA. Vanguard University is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

**WHO:** These courses are designed for educators. With district approval, course credit may be used for pay increase and professional growth

**TUITION:** \$348 for 3 semester units of graduate extension credit. Manual enrollment fees may apply.

**COURSE COORDINATOR:** JEAN SIMPSON, former Professor of Art Education, CSUN, former classroom teacher and master teacher, LAUSD. Jean has authored seven books, was a television arts and crafts teacher and was selected as "One of the Four Most Creative Women in America" by the Ladies' Home Journal magazine. Don't miss this dynamic instructor!

### **1. "BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING: ENRICHING THE CURRICULUM"**

**STARTS WED., MAY 7**

**WHEN:** MAY 7 to JUNE 11

**WHAT:** EDUX 5110 A, B, C, OR D

**ZOOM Meeting:** WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 - 5:00 PM

**Flexible Scheduling**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course offers educators the opportunity to lay the groundwork for building successful classroom programs. Participants will plan, research, design and construct curriculum and materials that are content-inspired and student-centered. This course provides classroom teachers the opportunity to share their best practices with fellow educators, create a comprehensive file of activities to reinforce and teach skills, develop a systemic approach for enhancing learning centers and adapt materials to target the needs of their students. Finish end of the school year teacher tasks.

### **2. "THE CREATIVE CLASSROOM: THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX"**

**STARTS WED., JUNE 11**

**WHEN:** JUNE 11 to JULY 9

**WHAT:** EDUX 5560 A, B, C, OR D

**ZOOM Meeting:** WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 - 5:00 PM

**Flexible Scheduling**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course will showcase a variety of exciting techniques that will help to release the creativity of educators and their students. Scripted instruction has weakened the ability of students to problem-solve creatively. This course will offer inventive practices that motivate students and bring mundane aspects of the curriculum to life in ways that reward and enrich every child's learning experience. Enrichment concepts can be applied across the curriculum. Creativity in the approach to content can be of significant value across the curriculum. Participants will plan, research, and develop exciting ideas that have application to the whole teaching/learning experience. This class is a must for everyone!

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FOR COURSES IN BAKERSFIELD, SANTA CLARITA, LANCASTER, GLENDALE/LA CRESCENTA, VENTURA, SIMI VALLEY, ORANGE COUNTY & DOWNEY/LONG BEACH

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**3. "CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN: SPARK THE FLAME OF LEARNING"**

**STARTS WED., JULY 9**

**WHEN:** JULY 9 to AUGUST 13

**WHAT:** EDUX 5180 A, B, C, OR D

**ZOOM Meeting:** WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 - 5:00 PM

**Flexible Scheduling**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Developing a fun and exciting curriculum that meets the Content Standards can be a difficult task. This course will focus on planning and designing curriculum that matches the standards with materials students love to use. Participants will discuss ways of documenting student performance as it relates to standards in order to modify and redesign the curriculum to meet the needs of the students in their classrooms. Get ready for the 2025-2026 school year.

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